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City of Augusta launches online performance dashboard to track progress of SPLOST 8 and TIA 2022 projects

AUGUSTA, **GA (Nov. 30, 2021)** –The City of Augusta has launched a centralized dashboard where residents can track the progress of the City's SPLOST 8 and TIA 2022 Projects.

Delivered by the Office of the Administrator, the *Build Augusta* dashboard includes an interactive map that allows users to scroll over various communities to see project location, funding, and timelines. Users will also be able to click on a specific project on the map and be taken to the full project description and all details associated with the project. <u>View the *Build Augusta*</u> dashboard here.

"The City of Augusta is committed to connecting our citizens to government, increasing engagement, and operating transparently. The *Build Augusta* dashboard gives citizens an easy way to follow publicly approved projects and track our progress," said City Administrator Odie Donald, II. "My goal is to deliver world class services, and this online platform is another way to show our commitment to moving Augusta forward toward that goal as we share where we are with project delivery and where we might need to innovate."

As the site develops, the dashboard will highlight financial transparency and project progress while giving insight into project budgets, expenditures, revenues, and construction progress through completion. The site will also provide real-time photos of progress for each project and will be updated quarterly to show project spending.

"Leveraging and understanding the data collected from the progress of these projects is vital to us achieving better outcomes for our community," said Capital Improvement Projects Manager Ron Lampkin. "We encourage the citizens of Augusta-Richmond County to use this simple and easy tool to stay informed on how and where their dollars are being spent."

The *Build Augusta* dashboard is one of five transparency initiatives the City of Augusta has available to allow residents to stay current on activities. Other initiatives include the City's Check Register, the Resilient Budget Engagement Forums, and the citywide strategic plan developed with the University of Georgia's Carl Vinson Institute of Government, which will have public input.

The Office of the Administrator is also set to hire an Open Records Officer to oversee the enforcement of City-wide compliance with Georgia Open Records Act requirements, establish

and announce Open Records compliance policies and procedures, and oversee the City's transparency initiatives.

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